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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the official action mailed May 17, 2005 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 17, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.